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Idaho Falls: prepare to achieve liftoff

IDAHO FALLS --The Idaho Falls Rocketry Club is hosting its second annual summer camp July 15-19 from 8 a.m. to noon at Bonneville High School. The camp will give participants of all ages and ability levels a chance to develop their skills and have fun blasting off.

Participants will build model rockets in the first three days of the camp and launch them as many times as possible during the last two days. The Rocketry Club will provide all necessary materials including experience-appropriate model rocket kits and motors. Funding for the materials is provided by Idaho National Laboratory and its Center for Space Nuclear Research (CSNR).

CSNR hopes to instill a love of rocket science into the camp's young attendees. Last summer, CSNR Director Steven Howe said he hoped participants would continue their exploration of rocket engineering to the benefit of all.

"The Center for Space Nuclear Research looks forward to seeing some of these students joining our research activities in a few years," he said.

Last year's event had more than 30 campers who built and launched rockets of all shapes and sizes. Jean Holt, Rocket Club public relations director, said she is looking forward to building on the 2007 camp's success.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in model rocketry to give it a try," she said. "Whether they are newcomers or experienced rocketeers, we will have model rockets for them to build and launch, along with supervisors that really know their stuff. This is an exceptional chance to experience model rocketry at a minimal cost so you really can't lose. It really is 'rocket science!'"

Camp fees include National Association of Rocketry (NAR) membership, which is required. The camp costs \$25 for participants under 21 and \$62 for those 21 and over (for each additional family member, the fee is reduced by \$12). There is no cost to current NAR members. The fee also includes six issues of Sport Rocketry Magazine.

Applications can be found on the Rocketry Club's official fliers and at <https://blastzone.com/nar/narjoince.asp>. Applications are due by July 5 and should be mailed to Idaho Falls Rocketry Club, Chris Eckman, P.O. Box 124, Menan, Idaho 83434. Applicants with an NAR membership number can sign up for Camp via e-mail with their personal information and NAR number at IFRocketClub@yahoo.com.

Meetings of the Idaho Falls Rocketry Club are the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Idaho Falls Library.

E-mail the Rocket Club at IFRocketClub@yahoo.com or call Chris Eckman at (208) 569-8596 for more information.

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